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US POLICY ON SELF-DETERMINATION IN AFRICA

1. ASSUMING WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PENETRATED RHETORIC OF SPINOLA'S JULY 27 SPEECH ON FUTURE OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AND GOP HAS NOW FULLY AND SPECIFICALLY ACCEPTED CONCEPT OF INDEPENDENCE, WITHOUT RESERVATION, DOES THIS NEW STAND IN ANY WAY CHANGE LANGUAGE OF US POLICY? IN OTHER WORDS, HAVE WE TAKEN OR DO WE INTEND TO TAKE ONE STEP BEYOND ADVOCACY OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND SPEAK OF INDEPENDENCE LIKE PORTUGUESE? OR WILL OUR POSTURE REMAIN SIMPLY THAT "THE USG HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED SELF-DETERMINATION IN AFRICA?"

2. WOULD HOPE USG EXAMINING POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON OUR RELATIONS WITH AFRICA OF ADHERENCE TO OLD LANGUAGE RESTING EXCLUSIVELY ON SELF-DETERMINATION. ONE CAN ARGUE THIS PURELY MATTER OF SEMANTICS, BUT AFRICANS DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT THAT WAY.

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3. IS IT TRUE, AS WE SEEM TO RECALL, THAT OUR INABILITY TO SPEAK OF

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SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN SAME BREATH RELATES
TO PROBLEMS THIS SUPPOSEDLY GIVES US WITH PUERTO RICO? IF SO,
IS THIS REASONABLE OR REALISTIC, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT NEW
PORTUGUESE STANCE WHICH GOES BEYOND OUR POSITION AND SEEMS TO
SATISFY AFRICANS? SUGGEST WE STAND TO LOSE MORE IN AFRICA THAN
GAIN IN US FROM HOLDING TO OLD LANGUAGE.
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